

Diwali - festival of lights

Diwali, such a wonderful celebration! Diwali is originally derived from the Sanskrit word Deepavali. ‚Deepa‘ means light or (oil) lamp and ‚Avali‘ means series or line. And so it looks also: row by row, and many lines shaped to images of lights, oil lamps and candles, on walls, on the floor, everywhere! This is India these days and today is the main day with new moon. Celebrated is the divinity and power of light and its victory over darkness and that there is always hope – always, as good triumphs over evil eventually. In the midst of this sea of lights there remains no doubt about that.

As preparation the houses and apartments are cleaned, smoked and everything is nicely done. Wonderful ornaments are painted with colored flour in front of the entrance on the floor and decorated with lights, as well as in the in the temple room. There is delicious food and new clothes (!) and small gifts, like in the form of candy that is distributed to neighbors. There are just all the good things in life celebrated and of course there are small or very large fireworks! In short, it is a festival like Christmas and New Year together.

In this sense, a wonderful festival: HAPPY DEEPAVALI ! May we all perceive our soul light (Jyoti Jivana) and let it radiate into this world! It is always there, as Swami Kaleshwar called us often "My dear divine souls". May we together make it shine brightly in Paramatma Jyoti up to the eternal light (Akhand Jyoti), which ultimately all inherent (Antara Jyoti).

With [this Bhajan](#) we can bow in front of all these wonderful qualities of light and thank for the inner guidance and the light on all levels!

(Remember? When we thank, it implies that something already exists ☺.)

And [here's](#) a little video, showing small and large values of Diwali, enjoy.

Happy Guruday-Diwali!!! Sabeenamayi

